

Amendment No. 8 to SB2300

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2300

House Bill No. 2321*

by adding the following new section immediately preceding the last section and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION _____. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-143, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) There is established in the department of finance and administration a TennCare advisory commission. The commission shall be appointed and operational by July 1, 2005. The advisory commission will be separate and distinct from the bureau of TennCare.

(b) The advisory commission shall be appointed as follows and will be composed of thirteen (13) members who should reflect the broad impact that the TennCare program has on the state of Tennessee. The membership of the advisory commission shall include: two (2) persons representing the state at-large selected by the governor, one (1) member of the senate selected by the speaker of the senate, one (1) member of the house of representatives selected by the speaker of the house, one (1) representative of physicians selected by the Tennessee Medical Association, one (1) representative of the hospital sector selected by the Tennessee Hospital Association, one (1) representative of nurses selected by the Tennessee Nurses Association, one (1) representative of pharmacists selected by the Tennessee Pharmacists Association, one (1) representative of the insurance industry selected by the Insurors of Tennessee, one (1) representative of the advocacy community selected by the Tennessee Justice Center, the deputy commissioner of the bureau of TennCare or such commissioner's designee; the director of the fiscal review committee or the director's designee, and the comptroller of the treasury or the comptroller's designee. Appointees will serve through June 30, 2006. At the time of the

appointments of the advisory commission, the governor shall appoint a chair and vice-chair of the commission from the membership of the commission.

(c) The purpose of the commission is to make recommendations to the governor and the general assembly regarding cost-containment strategies and cost-effective program improvements for the TennCare program. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the governor and the general assembly no later than January 10, 2006.

(d) The department of finance and administration will provide the commission with appropriate staff and assistance.

(e) Members shall receive no compensation for their services on the commission but may be reimbursed for those expenses allowed by the provisions of the comprehensive travel regulations promulgated by the department of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.